

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2009

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended July 18, 2009, there were 526,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan during July 2009, a decrease of 9,300 from June 2009 but 11,400 more than the number employed in July 2008.

Agricultural employment was 45,200 persons in July 2009, up 800 from the June 2009 level and 900 more than the July 2008 agricultural employment level of 44,300. Non-agricultural employment was 481,100 persons in July 2009. This is a decrease of 10,100 from the June 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 491,200 but 10,500 more than July 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2009 was 5.2 percent. This is an increase of 1.3 percentage points from the June 2009 rate of 3.9 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the July 2008 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,600 to 554,900 persons in July 2009 from 557,500 persons in June 2009. This is 14,200 more than the July 2008 labour force of 540,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 71.1 percent in July 2009 from 71.5 percent in June 2009. The July 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.4 percent.

There were 28,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2009. This is an increase of 6,700 from June 2009 and is 2,800 more than the number unemployed in July 2008.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 520,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2009, down 4,700 from the June 2009 level of 524,800 but is up 14,100 from the July 2008 employment level of 506,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2009 was 4.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the June 2009 rate of 4.6 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the July 2008 rate of 4.4 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 87,900 persons in July 2009 to 17,070,800 persons from 17,158,700 persons in June 2009. In July 2008, there were 17,417,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage points to 8.9 percent from the June 2009 level of 8.1 percent. In July 2008, Canada's unemployment rate 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.6 percent in July 2009. This is unchanged from June 2009 but 2.5 percentage points higher than the July 2008 level of 6.1 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)



TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,739.6	18,664.7	18,588.1	74.9	151.5
Employed ('000)	17,070.8	17,158.7	17,417.9	-87.9	-347.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,164.4	13,969.1	14,630.5	195.3	-466.1
Part-Time ('000)	2,906.4	3,189.6	2,787.4	-283.2	119.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,668.8	1,505.9	1,170.1	162.9	498.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.1	6.3	0.8	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.6	8.6	6.1	0.0	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.4	69.0	0.2	-0.4
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	554.9	557.5	540.7	-2.6	14.2
Employed ('000)	526.3	535.6	514.9	-9.3	11.4
Full-Time ('000)	438.3	438.2	441.6	0.1	-3.3
Part-Time ('000)	88.0	97.4	73.3	-9.4	14.7
Unemployed ('000)	28.6	21.9	25.8	6.7	2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	3.9	4.8	1.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	71.5	70.4	-0.4	0.7
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,167.7	2,158.7	2,119.7	9.0	48.0
Employed ('000)	2,007.3	2,024.0	2,039.5	-16.7	-32.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,690.6	1,671.9	1,762.2	18.7	-71.6
Part-Time ('000)	316.7	352.2	277.3	-35.5	39.4
Unemployed ('000)	160.4	134.7	80.3	25.7	80.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	6.2	3.8	1.2	3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	6.8	3.7	0.4	3.5
Participation Rate (%)	75.5	75.4	75.7	0.1	-0.2
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	651.9	648.7	642.6	3.2	9.3
Employed ('000)	616.1	618.8	617.5	-2.7	-1.4
Full-Time ('000)	512.1	511.8	516.2	0.3	-4.1
Part-Time ('000)	104.0	107.1	101.4	-3.1	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	35.8	29.9	25.0	5.9	10.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.6	3.9	0.9	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.2	3.7	0.0	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.3	70.6	0.3	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	554.9	557.5	540.7	-2.6	14.2
Male	298.9	297.0	292.4	1.9	6.5
Female	256.0	260.4	248.3	-4.4	7.7
15-24 Years of Age	110.2	105.3	112.5	4.9	-2.3
25+ Years of age	444.7	452.2	428.2	-7.5	16.5
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	526.3	535.6	514.9	-9.3	11.4
Male	284.7	284.1	280.0	0.6	4.7
Female	241.6	251.5	234.9	-9.9	6.7
15-24 Years of Age	100.4	96.3	102.0	4.1	-1.6
25+ Years of age	425.9	439.4	412.9	-13.5	13.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	28.6	21.9	25.8	6.7	2.8
Male	14.2	12.9	12.5	1.3	1.7
Female	14.4	8.9	13.4	5.5	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	9.0	10.5	0.8	-0.7
25+ Years of age	18.8	12.8	15.4	6.0	3.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u></b>					
<b><u>RATE (%)</u></b>	5.2	3.9	4.8	1.3	0.4
Male	4.8	4.3	4.3	0.5	0.5
Female	5.6	3.4	5.4	2.2	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	8.5	9.3	0.4	-0.4
25+ Years of age	4.2	2.8	3.6	1.4	0.6
<b><u>PARTICIPATION</u></b>					
<b><u>RATE (%)</u></b>	71.1	71.5	70.4	-0.4	0.7
Male	77.7	77.3	77.2	0.4	0.5
Female	64.7	65.9	63.8	-1.2	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	79.1	75.5	80.6	3.6	-1.5
25+ Years of age	69.4	70.7	68.1	-1.3	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	45.2	44.4	44.3	0.8	0.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.8	23.6	25.6	0.2	-1.8
Utilities	4.7	4.3	5.7	0.4	-1.0
Construction	43.7	40.6	39.2	3.1	4.5
Manufacturing	27.0	28.2	31.2	-1.2	-4.2
Trade	83.4	82.3	83.2	1.1	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	26.2	25.4	23.0	0.8	3.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.8	29.0	28.9	-0.2	-0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.6	23.0	20.5	-1.4	1.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	13.5	11.4	0.3	2.4
Educational Services	29.3	41.8	27.2	-12.5	2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.7	66.8	65.7	0.9	2.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	23.1	22.5	22.0	0.6	1.1
Accommodation and Food Services	31.3	31.6	34.0	-0.3	-2.7
Other Services	24.3	24.8	22.9	-0.5	1.4
Public Administration	32.6	33.9	30.1	-1.3	2.5
Total	526.3	535.6	514.9	-9.3	11.4
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	438.3	438.2	441.6	0.1	-3.3
Part-Time	88.0	97.4	73.3	-9.4	14.7
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	425.4	435.3	420.8	-9.9	4.6
Public Sector	127.8	140.4	121.3	-12.6	6.5
Private Sector	297.6	294.9	299.5	2.7	-1.9
Self-Employed	100.9	100.3	94.1	0.6	6.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,070.8	17,158.7	17,417.9	-87.9	-347.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.9	231.6	240.1	0.3	-8.2
Prince Edward Island	74.1	75.6	74.5	-1.5	-0.4
Nova Scotia	464.2	465.6	469.9	-1.4	-5.7
New Brunswick	381.9	384.3	382.4	-2.4	-0.5
Quebec	3,924.2	3,954.4	3,970.9	-30.2	-46.7
Ontario	6,572.7	6,582.3	6,758.2	-9.6	-185.5
Manitoba	616.1	618.8	617.5	-2.7	-1.4
Saskatchewan	526.3	535.6	514.9	-9.3	11.4
Alberta	2,007.3	2,024.0	2,039.5	-16.7	-32.2
British Columbia	2,272.1	2,286.5	2,350.1	-14.4	-78.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	8.9	8.1	6.3	0.8	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	13.1	11.2	1.3	3.2
Prince Edward Island	10.5	7.5	9.3	3.0	1.2
Nova Scotia	8.8	8.4	6.5	0.4	2.3
New Brunswick	9.0	7.9	8.5	1.1	0.5
Quebec	8.6	7.7	6.8	0.9	1.8
Ontario	10.2	9.4	7.2	0.8	3.0
Manitoba	5.5	4.6	3.9	0.9	1.6
Saskatchewan	5.2	3.9	4.8	1.3	0.4
Alberta	7.4	6.2	3.8	1.2	3.6
British Columbia	8.1	7.6	4.8	0.5	3.3

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b><u>May-Jul</u></b> <b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>Apr-Jun</u></b> <b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>May-Jul</u></b> <b><u>2008</u></b>	<b>Change from</b> <b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	8.6	8.5	8.0	0.1	0.6
Halifax	6.6	6.3	5.8	0.3	0.8
Saint John	5.4	5.1	6.8	0.3	-1.4
Quebec	4.3	4.4	4.4	-0.1	-0.1
Montreal	9.3	9.4	7.2	-0.1	2.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.1	6.3	5.3	-0.2	0.8
Greater Sudbury	9.7	8.9	5.2	0.8	4.5
Toronto	10.7	9.8	7.6	0.9	3.1
Winnipeg	5.1	4.8	4.1	0.3	1.0
Regina	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Saskatoon	4.7	4.5	4.5	0.2	0.2
Calgary	6.9	6.5	3.3	0.4	3.6
Edmonton	7.4	6.7	3.9	0.7	3.5
Vancouver	7.3	7.2	4.4	0.1	2.9
Victoria	6.1	6.2	3.3	-0.1	2.8
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	158.9	157.9	155.9	1.0	3.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	55.4	55.1	54.4	0.3	1.0
Saskatoon-Biggar	176.1	173.0	170.2	3.1	5.9
Yorkton-Melville	40.4	39.9	38.5	0.5	1.9
Prince Albert & Northern	99.8	100.3	98.8	-0.5	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY  
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May-Jul 2009	Apr-Jun 2009	May-Jul 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	555.6	551.3	538.4	4.3	17.2
Employed ('000)	529.0	524.6	515.9	4.4	13.1
Unemployed ('000)	26.5	26.7	22.4	-0.2	4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.2	0.0	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.8	70.2	0.5	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	67.4	67.3	0.5	0.6
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	513.9	510.6	499.9	3.3	14.0
Employed ('000)	493.5	489.7	483.1	3.8	10.4
Unemployed ('000)	20.4	20.8	16.8	-0.4	3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.1	3.4	-0.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	71.3	70.9	0.4	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	68.9	68.4	68.5	0.5	0.4
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	41.7	40.7	38.5	1.0	3.2
Employed ('000)	35.5	34.8	32.9	0.7	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	6.2	5.9	5.7	0.3	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	14.4	14.7	0.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	65.1	63.0	1.4	3.5
Employment Rate (%)	56.7	55.7	53.7	1.0	3.0
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.3	16.9	16.8	0.4	0.5
Employed ('000)	13.9	13.9	13.5	0.0	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	2.9	3.3	0.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	17.5	19.4	1.7	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	61.1	59.7	60.7	1.4	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	49.4	49.3	48.9	0.1	0.5
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	24.4	23.8	21.5	0.6	2.9
Employed ('000)	21.5	20.9	19.1	0.6	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.9	2.4	-0.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	12.3	11.2	-0.6	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	69.5	64.8	1.5	6.2
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	60.9	57.6	1.8	5.1

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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